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## City of Washington, Corps to partner for Storm Water Management Project

The City of Washington and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a Project Partnership Agreement signing ceremony for Phase II of the Catfish Creek Storm Water Management Project on December 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the City Hall located at 55 West Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301.

The City of Washington and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began Phase I of the Catfish Creek Storm Water Management Project in May. Phase I of the project consists of proposed design and construction of storm water storage zones near the American Legion on Park Avenue and the Washington and Jefferson College Stadium. It includes a new storm water system at the intersection of South Main and Park Avenue. Phase II adds the design and construction of storm water storage zones at two additional sites, one at Washington Park and one at the Borough Park off Thayer Street. These storm water storage zones, approximately one acre each, will be used to detain storm water to help prevent flooding.

The City of Washington experiences significant flood damages due to excessive storm water runoff within the Catfish Creek Watershed. Steep slopes, extensive impervious surfaces, and the lack of storm water management infrastructure have resulted in flash flooding. The sites selected for this project are experiencing biological and water quality degradation due to stream bank erosion and discharge of sanitary sewer flows. In general, the current conditions create a threat to public health and safety. The project will eliminate these problems and improve to the quality of ground and surface waters of the Commonwealth.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is providing \$1,000,000 of Section 313 South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program funding to support the design and construction of Phase I and Phase II of this project. The South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program, often referred to as the Section 313 Program, covers a 15 county area in southwestern Pennsylvania. The Section 313 Program provides for design and construction assistance to communities for projects involving wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply, storage, treatment, and distribution facilities, and surface water resource protection and development.

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